

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 530 - SB 440

March 3, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a reward, paid from the General Fund, for information leading to the arrest of any person responsible for the shooting of a law enforcement officer in the line of duty.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - In the event such reward is issued there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures of either \$10,000 or \$20,000 from the General Fund; however, due to multiple unknown factors, the timing and frequency of such one-time expenditures, if any, cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- Per the language of this legislation, the reward is set at \$10,000 if the law enforcement officer is injured in the shooting or \$20,000 if the law enforcement officer is killed in the shooting and applies to injuries or deaths occurring on or after July 1, 2021.
- According to the Criminology & Public Policy report, *Gun Victimization in the Line of Duty: Fatal and Non-Fatal Firearm Assaults on Police Officers in the United States, 2014-2019*, 1,467 local and state law enforcement officers were shot, 249 of which were fatal within the five-year period, nationally. Therefore, on average, 244 $[(1,467 - 249) / 5]$ officers are injured by firearms per year and 50 (249 fatal shootings / 5 years) are fatally shot. The study excludes federal officers, corrections officers, and shootings of officers by colleagues (friendly-fire).
- It is assumed that this reward is solely for non-law enforcement officers.
- Based on various U.S. Department of Justice and state law enforcement reports, it is reasonably assumed that the majority of persons responsible for the shooting of a law enforcement officer are apprehended promptly following the shooting.
- Given the relatively low occurrences, nationally, of police injuries and deaths as a result of assailant shootings, it is estimated that incidences of civilians providing the information leading to the arrest of a person responsible for such a crime in Tennessee will be infrequent.
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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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